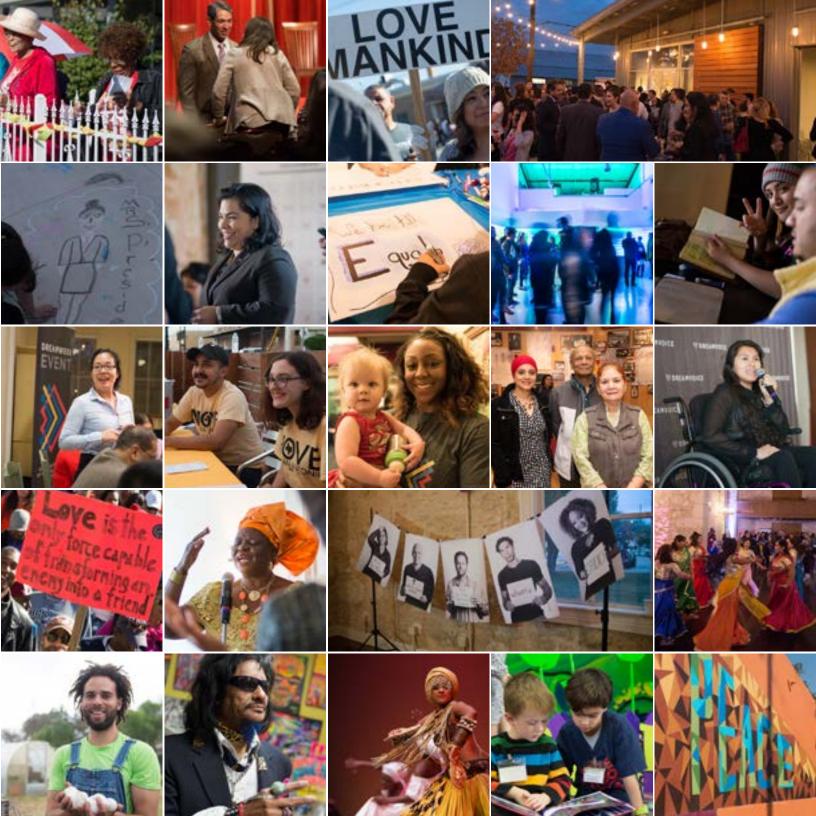




THE SUMMIT OF CIVIC & CIVIL ENGAGEMENTS







DREAMWEEK IS ONE OF THE MOST FORWARD-LOOKING & ICONIC **DEVELOPMENTS IN SAN ANTONIO IN** THE LAST DECADE.

RON NIRENBERG

FORMER MAYOR - CITY OF SAN ANTONIC

CIVIC AND CIVIL ENGAGEMENT

DreamWeek San Antonio stands as the largest community-curated event of its kind in the nation, transforming our city into a vibrant hub of dialogue, understanding, and social progress each January. Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this extraordinary week-long celebration brings together diverse voices, perspectives, and communities through hundreds of events that explore critical issues facing our society. From thought-provoking panel discussions and cultural performances to educational workshops and artistic exhibitions, DreamWeek creates spaces where meaningful conversations spark lasting change. Your support helps amplify these vital conversations and ensures that every community member has access to this transformative experience..

TECHIES & INNOVATORS

CHEFS & FOOD WRITERS

COACHES & ATHLETES

SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS

ARTISTS. FILMMAKERS & PERFORMERS

BUSINESSES LARGE & SMALL

PHYSICIANS & MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

STUDENTS & EDUCATORS

COMMUNITY | FADERS & ACTIVISTS

GOALS

- Work together to create a roadmap to realize our collective dreams
- Create an environment for civil and civic engagement
- Promote dialogue & exchange
- Provide networking opportunities
- Increase community involvement
- Create shared experiences

TWO HUNDRED + EVENTS IN JANUARY





THE DREAMWEEK SUMMIT

EXCHANGING IDEAS. INSPIRING DISCUSSION. IGNITING CHANGE.

Each annual DreamWeek Summit comprises a series of events designed with a singular purpose in mind: to foster the free exchange of ideas on universal issues affecting the human race. The aim is to invite all to participate in an open forum where real-world issues are discussed, with the understanding that the truest voices will always prevail. Events take a variety of forms, from symposiums, panel discussions and debates to film screenings, concerts and art exhibits.

Throughout the summit, participants honor the past, take stock of the present, and present a vision for the future. Since its inception, DreamWeek has gained unprecedented momentum. The summit has grown to include more than 100 partners hosting over 200 events throughout the San Antonio area annually and attracting a global audience of civic-minded individuals.

DreamWeek is concurrent with the City's annual MLK Commemorative March, which has in turn as grown to become the largest in the country.





THEMES

CITY

The new landscape of urban progress

SPORTS

Achievement by teamwork & competition

CUISINE

Sharing world culture through food

HEALTH

Whole living (body, mind, soul)

ENVIRONMENT

Cleaner resources for a cleaner world

TECHNOLOGY

Advancing the future of the community

EDUCATION

Knowledge is empowerment

ARTS

The roots of creativity & diversity

YOUTH

What can future generations teach us

SPIRIT

Acceptance and tolerance through faith

JUSTICE

Civil and human rights of the community

BUSINESS

Success beyond financial boundaries



THE ROAD TO CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY HAS MANY CHALLENGES & BARRIERS. BUT A PEOPLE UNITED CAN OVERCOME.

JAIME P. MARTINEZ



A SAN ANTONIO SUCCESS

San Antonio is a city of a confluence of rich and diverse cultures; Mexican, Tejano, German, Irish, Czechoslovakian and more. The city's unique history has laid a foundation for people of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds to coexist and thrive as one community. San Antonio is one of a handful of major U.S. cities which classifies as a majority-minority city. Now posotioned as the sixth largest city in the nation, forecasts predict the city's population will continue to expand, solidifying its position as one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States.

DreamWeek's success stems from its authentic grassroots origins and remarkable growth.

Born from a 2011 mayoral challenge to create educational events promoting the exchange of ideas, DreamWeek launched in 2013 with just 20 partners hosting 35 events. Over a decade later,

the summit has expanded to over 250 events - sponsored by 175 partners - at more than 125 venues citywide, reflecting the community's hunger for spaces where differences are embraced and common ground is discovered. The event has become deeply woven into San Antonio's identity.

Connected to the city's annual MLK Day march—one of the nation's largest with close to 300,000 participants—DreamWeek extends that spirit for 17days. The summit's commitment to keeping events free or at minimal cost ensures accessibility for all, while timely annual themes like 2025's "We Are Neighbors" address contemporary challenges with mutual respect, creating a platform for constructive dialogue and ongoing progress toward a more embracing community.



A WORLD-CLASS HOST CITY



FIESTA SA Over 3.5 million annual participants



SAN ANTONIO BOOK FESTIVAL Features 90+ national, regional, & local authors. 18.000+ visitors



PRIDE SAN ANTONIO LGBTQ festival & events. 7,000+ attendees



SAFILMFounded in 1994. 140+ films showcased annually



DIWALI SADrawing 15,000+
people from all over Texas

MUERTOS FEST



Annual day of the dead celebration, thousands attend



JAZZ'SALIVE
The City of San Antonio's official
annual Jazz Festival



LUMINARIA 3,000+ artists and over 1 million attendees



TEXAS FOLKLIFE FESTIVALFeaturing over 40 cultures
& ethnic groups since 1972



SICLOVIA
Attracted 65,000 cyclists to the free, bi-annual event



CULINARIA WINE & FOOD FEST Inaugurated in 2000, now attended by thousands across the city



SA STOCK SHOW & RODEOSince 1949 attracts over 2 million visitors annually



COFFEE FESTIVALSold out over 4,000+ coffee flight tickets



ALAMO CITY COMIC CONCurrently the largest convention in San Antonio, over 75,000 attend





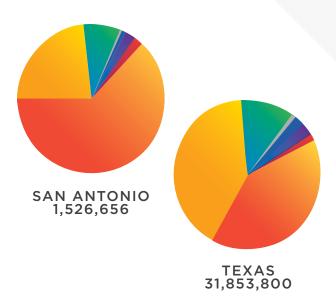


A BLOSSOMING COMMUNITY

The 6th largest city in the U.S. with a median age of 34.6 and 4th fastest-growing city in the nation.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Demographic Breakdown Based on 2025 estimates



- BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS SA 6.4.0% | TX 12.2%
- AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE PERSONS SA 0.7% | TX 1.0%
- ASIAN PERSONS SA 2.7% | TX 5.3%
- NATIVE HAWAIIAN & OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER SA 0.1% | TX 0.1%
- PERSONS REPORTING TWO OR MORE RACES SA 1.5% | TX 2.3.0%
- PERSONS OF HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN SA 64.2% | TX 40.2%
- WHITE PERSONS NOT HISPANIC SA 24.8% | TX 39.8%

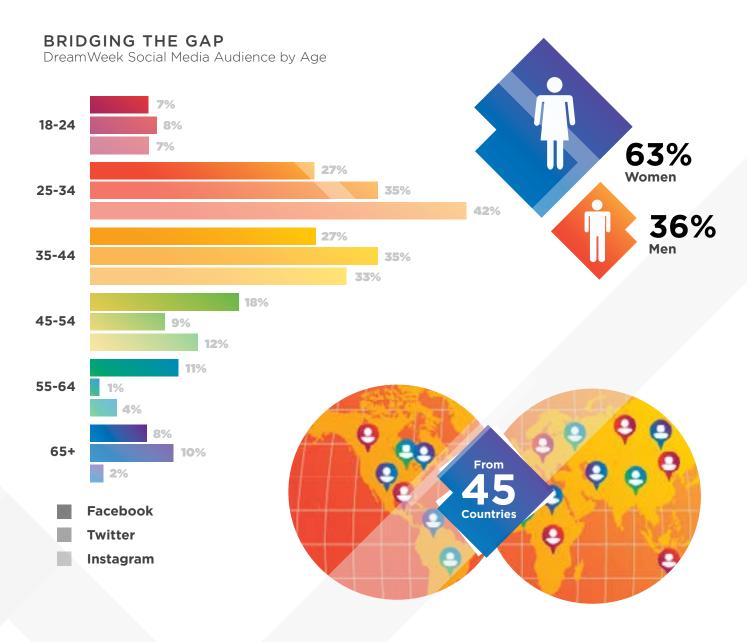
GROWTH OF DREAMWEEK







DREAMWEEK REACH



WHEN HUMANS DREAM, A
PRECIOUS RUSH OF BLOOD
THROUGH VEIN WASHES CLEAN
THE LABELS, AND PAINTS THE
HOPE-FILLED AIR WITH JOY.
CARMEN TAFOLLA



HOST AN EVENT. SPARK A MOVEMENT.

PARTNER WITH DREAMWEEK TO HOST THE EVENT YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD. JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY GENIUS.

- **\$**
- Get to know DreamWeek. Review this booklet and visit dreamweek.org to familiarize yourself with the core mission and values that the Summit promotes. Returning partners may skip this step.
- Submit your event. Fill out the application form online at dreamweek.org/partner
- Receive confirmation. We'll review the application upon receipt and notify you of confirmation or request additional information if needed.
- Once your event is approved, you will be directed to a link where you can download our promotional package including: DW official logos, FB covers, and promotional templates.





INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY GENIUS

Supporting DreamWeek San Antonio means ioining a movement that has established itself as the nation's premier community-curated platform for social dialogue and action. Unlike traditional conferences or festivals, DreamWeek thrives on the creativity, passion, and expertise of everyday San Antonians who design events reflecting their communities' deepest values and most pressing challenges. This grassroots approach has made DreamWeek a national model for civic engagement and community building. Whether through volunteering, attending events, or making a financial contribution, your support ensures that this remarkable week continues to honor Dr. King's legacy while addressing contemporary issues with courage, compassion, and commitment to justice for all.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Our sponsors make DreamWeek a reality. Since the very first Summit in 2013, industry leaders throughout San Antonio have come together to support the dream of introducing a central platform where civic discourse can thrive and where opposing views can be respectfully exchanged without fear of hatred or violence. Become a DreamWeek sponsor today. You will receive unparalleled brand visibility with an active civil-minded audience and join our shared vision for a future of peace and tolerance.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities at dreamweek.org/sponsor.

OUR DREAMS FUEL PROGRESS

BECOME AN ADVOCATE

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT:

- Share Your Talent: At DreamWeek, we strive to create opportunities for budding and upand-coming artists to present their work in a supportive and appreciative environment.
- Promos & Donations: We welcome all kinds of in-kind donations. Catering, transportation, accommodations, travel, gifts, donations – or just about anything else you will give to a friend is welcome.
- Offer a Venue: The city has a myriad of unique and extraordinary spaces. We would like to introduce them to an audience respectful of each individual space and enhance the venues value with meaningful activity.

The DreamTeam is always excited to welcome volunteers aboard! There are many opportunities to contribute your time and talent as an organization or as an individual for the greater good.

- Event Assistance Help us with the logistical aspects of DreamWeek events.
- Photographers Grab your camera and document DreamWeek.
- Musicians Showcase your musical talent by performing at a DreamWeek event.



HERALD A NEW WORLD ONE OF TOLERANCE OF
DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES,
EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, AND
RESPECT FOR THE DIVERSITY
OF THE GENIUS WITHIN US. 5
SHOKARE NAKPODIA

DREAMWEEK FOUNDER



SNAPSHOTS OF DREAMWEEK



2ND VERSE SOULFUL & SPOKEN WORD POETRY January 11, 2013



1005 FACES EXHIBIT PARTY January 18, 2014



NEVIL SHED UNITED BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT January 12, 2013



CHEFS FOR CHEFS BRUNCH January 19, 2014



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY - N.A.I.E.M. (Native American Identity Empowerment Movement) January 17, 2013



SABA BUSINESS MIXER (San Antonio Businesss Alliance) January 14, 2015



MCNAY POP-UP TALKS January 18, 2013



THE POLICE, OUR COMMUNITY & THE FUTURE
January 15, 2015



SAN ANTONIO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM READING & WORKSHOP January 11, 2014



DREAMWEEK OPENING CEREMONY WITH MLK III January 8, 2016





SAGE TASTE THE DREAM GALA(San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside) January 17, 2015



THE HOLOCAUST: **LEARN & REMEMBER** January 11, 2018



MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN January 9, 2016



1000 PLATES FOR THE HUNGRY January 11, 2018



REALIZING THE DREAM OF A WORLD **CLASS CITY** January 13, 2016



CONVERSATION W/ CONGRESSMEN: BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY January 10, 2019



ALAMO CITY BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON January 6, 2017



PUB THEOLOGY: DIALOGUE ABOUT RACE & SPIRITUAL ACTION January 16, 2019



MBAW- CAFÉ COLOMBIA (Musical Bridges Around the World) January 17, 2017



LUNAR NEW YEAR **CELEBRATION** January 24, 2020









SNAPSHOTS OF DREAMWEEK



"CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?" FASHION SHOW & BENEFIT January 12, 2021



DREAMHOUR SPEAKER SERIESJanuary 15, 2023



NOTABLE PEOPLE OF SAN ANTONIO IN 2020 PORTRAIT COLLECTION January 14, 2021



BILLY RAY SHEPPARD JAZZ January 20, 2024



STUDENTS ON LAW January 12, 2022



PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT January 24, 2024



MENA WOMEN'S EXCELLENCE DAY January 15, 2022



KICK-OFF BREAKFAST January 9, 2025



FORT SAM HOUSTON MLK PRESENTATION January 15, 2023



THE DREAMBALL January 23, 2025





OUR LIVES BEGIN
TO END THE DAY WE
BECOME SILENT ABOUT
THINGS THAT MATTER. 5

MARTIN LUTHER KING III



DREAMVOICE, LLC

DreamVoice LLC, founded in 2011 by Shokare Nakpodia, is the visionary organization behind DreamWeek San Antonio. Established with a singular dedication to creating environments where voices of the common good can flourish, DreamVoice believes that every individual within a community has the potential to be a valuable asset. The organization supports initiatives that better the human condition through strategic promotion of media assets and resource contributions, funding DreamWeek through sponsorships, donations, branded merchandise sales, and the annual Mayor's Ball

The DreamVoice team comprises a diverse collection of community advocates from all walks of life—dedicated writers, entrepreneurs, artists, authors, and designers—all united by a singular commitment to promote environments where issues facing our global community are addressed in a civic and civil manner

As founder Shokare Nakpodia articulates: "DreamWeek San Antonio heralds a new world - one of tolerance of different perspectives, equality of opportunity, and respect for the diversity of the genius within us."

This vision encapsulates DreamVoice's mission to empower those who seek the understanding and education required for peaceful coexistence, making DreamWeek a modern-day expression of Dr. King's dream to lay the foundations of tolerance, equality, and diversity by creating dialogue across cultures and communities.



STEWARDS

DREAMVOICE TEAM

- SHOKARE NAKPODIA
- FRANK TREJO
- ERIN MCANDREW
- FAWN BEVINEAU
- ANYA BARTAY
- MARLANA STRICKER
- MARY DOMINGUEZ
- JESSICA MENDOZA

DreamWeek would not be possible without the contribution of numerous volunteers and supporters.





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COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

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- ARTS SAN ANTONIO
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- AWESOME SA+
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- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS & ROTENGO
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- BORDERLAND COLLECTIVE
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- ▶ CAFÉ COLLEGE
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- CELEBRATION CIRCLE
- ▶ CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPT OF ARTS & CULTURE ▶ LIFTOFF
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- COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE
- COMPASSIONATE SAN ANTONIO
- CULTUREWORKS ENTERPRISES
- DAVIS SCOTT FAMILY YMCA
- ▶ DELTA RHO LAMBDA CH. OF AΦA FRATERNITY INC. ▶ MY BROTHER'S KEEPER SAN ANTONIO

- DIALOGUE INSTITUTE OF THE SOUTHWEST
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 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SAN ANTONIO
 - ▶ HEB READ 3
 - HEMISFAIR
 - HIP HOP GREW UP
 - HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
 - IDEA EASTSIDE
 - INDEP ARTS & FILM & KLRN
 - KEEPHER SAN ANTONIO
 - LAUNCH SA
 - ▶ LET ME SCHOOL YOU SAN ANTONIO

 - LIFTFUND WBC & TEXAS RIO GRANDE LEGAL AID
 - LIVE YOUR DREAM
 - MAGIK CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF SAN ANTONIO
 - MAIN PLAZA CONSERVANCY
 - MARTINEZ STREET WOMEN'S CENTER
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- Q LIVE ONE
- RAICES
- RED HAUS PR
- RIDE FOR READING SA
- SA2020
- SAME NEW LIFE ALT. HEALTH & FITNESS
- SAN ANTO CULTURAL ARTS
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- SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION
- SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDENS
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- SAN ANTONIO COFFEE FESTIVAL
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- SAN ANTONIO FOR GROWTH ON THE EASTSIDE
- SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY
- SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART
- SAN ANTONIO PEACECENTER
- SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY
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- SISTAS IN BUSINESS
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- THE CARVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER
- THE CENTER PRIDE CENTER SAN ANTONIO
- ▶ THE CHILDREN'S SHELTER
- THE CIRCLE SCHOOL
- THE DOSEUM
- ▶ THE MIGHTYGROUP
- THE NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST ALLIANCE
- ▶ THE PLAZA CLUB
- ▶ THE RAPE CRISIS CENTER
- THE RIVARD REPORT
- THE SOL CENTER OF SAN ANTONIO
- THRIVE YOUTH CENTER
- TOMBOYS&MIMOSAS
- TRINITY UNIVERSITY
- TUCKER'S KOZY KORNER
- UNITY CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO
- UTSA INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES
- VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT
- WHEATLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- WHO'S WHO IN SAN ANTONIO
- WITTE MUSEUM
- WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF SAN ANTONIO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- WRITE ART OUT
- YOUNG MENS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY





SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MLK JR. Scholarship

Each year, as part of its celebration and focus on youth and education, the MLK, Jr. Commission administers a Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program. These scholarships help to fund a portion of the college tuition of several deserving students, regardless of race or ethnicity.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Be a graduating senior from a school in Bexar County 2. Bexar County resident for one year and a U.S. Citizen 3. Have a minimum, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or equivalent

Dream Scholar Program

The Dream Scholar Program was introduced in 2015 as a call-to-action to San Antonio colleges and universities to each fund one full-scholarship to their respective institutions for minority students. Several San Antonio colleges and universities have committed to providing full-scholarships as part of this program.

For more information visit sanantonio.gov/mlk/

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The community can help support students in achieving their higher education goals. Donations for the scholarship fund are accepted from the public and can be mailed to:

City of San Antonio MLK Commission ATTN: Gloria Villela-Reyes

Neighborhood & Housing Services Department // PO Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283

Make checks payable to San Antonio Area Foundation - MLK Commission Scholarship or donate directly to the SA Area Foundation online.





ADVANCING THE VOICES OF CIVIC & CIVIL ENGAGEMENT

